

MARVEL 1

SECRET INVASION

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Mike Pasciullo | 1972 - 2022

With heavy hearts, Marvel remembers our dear friend and colleague Mike Pasciullo, who passed away earlier this year.

Growing up, Mike found a passion for collectibles and trading cards. After diving into comics and becoming a Marvel expert, he went on to work for Fleer, where he became an important collaborator on art development and creative direction for Marvel's trading card sets, including now-classic sets like DC vs. Marvel, Amalgam, and many more.

Through his 25-plus years at Marvel, Mike went on to lead the company's marketing strategy across publishing, films, television, and more. His work included landmark campaigns for seminal Marvel comic book moments like *Secret Invasion*, *Marvel NOW!*, *Civil War*, and many others, and key contributions in establishing the vision behind Marvel Studios' early promotional strategy, engaging fans with unforgettable live events and promotions at conventions and beyond. After

marketing multiple MCU films, he brought that fan experience to Marvel Television's projects, including *Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*, *Marvel's Daredevil*, *Marvel's Luke Cage*, *Marvel's The Punisher*, *Marvel's Iron Fist*, *Marvel's Jessica Jones*, and *Marvel's The Defenders*, and Marvel's animation projects for Spider-Man, Guardians of the Galaxy, Avengers, and more.

Building on his knowledge of sports, Mike also helped weave together Marvel's fandom with sports fans through Marvel-themed game days, Marvel giveaways at sports events, and other Marvel activations across the country with Major League and Minor League sports teams that continue to this day.

Mike was beloved at Marvel, and he will be remembered for his kindness, creativity, optimism, and humor. His memory will always be with us, and he will live on forever within the Marvel family and beyond. ■

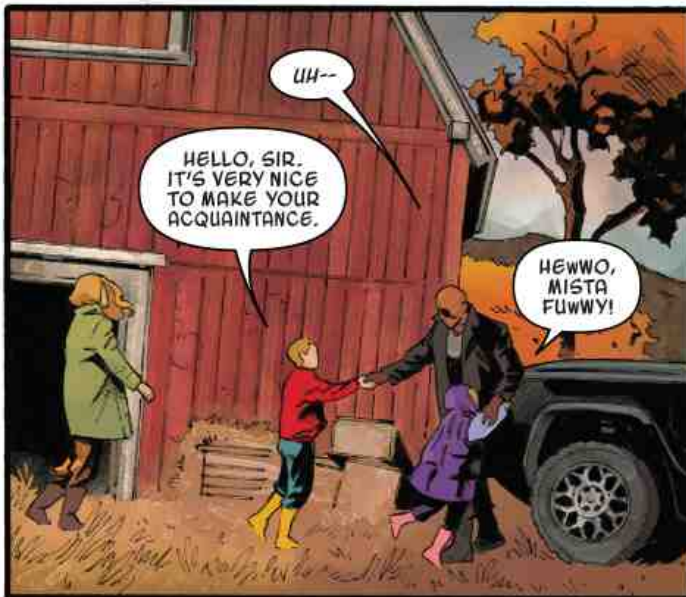


THEN.

MR. FURY! YOU MUST BE MRS. STUART.

DANNI, YEAH. AND THIS IS JOEY AND LITTLE MARY.

LET'S SHOW OUR GUEST YOUR BEST BEHAVIOR, CHILDREN.



UH--

HELLO, SIR. IT'S VERY NICE TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE.

HEWWO, MISTA FUWWY!



I'M SO GLAD YOU CAME. I WASN'T SURE HOW TO--

I'VE STILL GOT FRIENDS WHO CAN FIND ME WHEN I'M NEEDED.



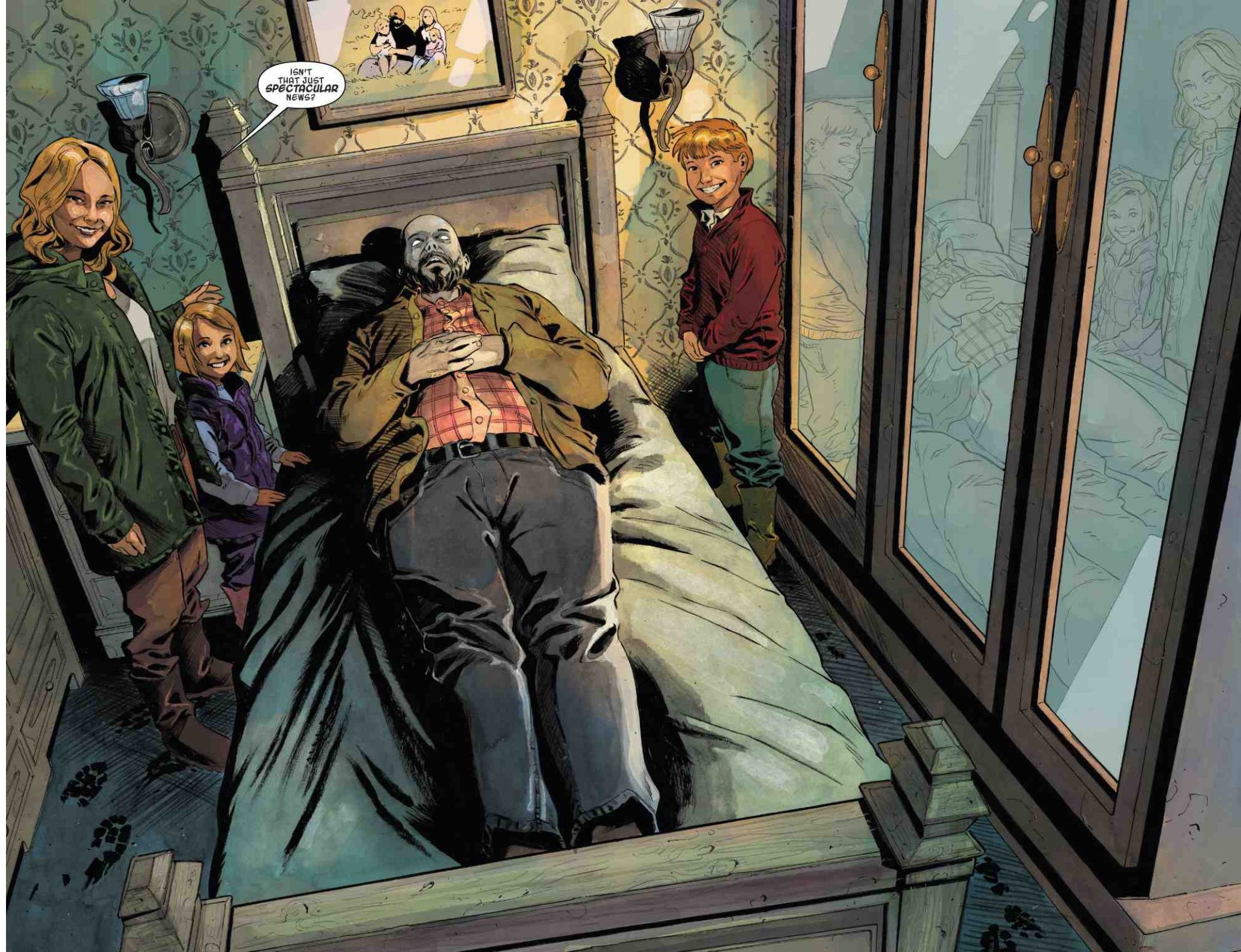
HE'S JUST UPSTAIRS.

IT REALLY IS GREAT THAT YOU COULD COME, MR. FURY. I'M CERTAIN YOU'LL BE ABLE TO HELP US.



THIS IS HIS ROOM. GREG, I MEAN. MY BELOVED HUSBAND AND A WONDERFUL FATHER TO OUR TWO CHILDREN.

YESTERDAY, HE DIED. SUDDENLY.



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"Full of Surprises"

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C.I.A. HEADQUARTERS,
LANGLEY, VIRGINIA.
NOW.

EXCUSE
ME?!

I KNOW
YOU DIDN'T
JUST ASK *ME*
FOR MY NAME,
MISTER...

PUSCE.
UH, PETE
PUSCE,
SIR.





Panel 1: Nick Fury's dialogue.

AH, PETE,
YOU'RE A GOOD KID.
I'M JUST MESSIN'
WITH YOU.



Panel 2: Nick Fury's dialogue.

NICK FURY
FOR MARIA
HILL.

Panel 2: Tony Stark's dialogue.

I, UM, I
DON'T SEE YOU ON
HER CALENDAR. IS
SHE EXPECTING
YOU, OR...?



Panel 3: Nick Fury's dialogue.

PETE, THERE ARE SOME
PEOPLE OUT THERE IN THIS BIG,
BEAUTIFUL WORLD WHO DON'T
MAKE LUNCH PLANS WEEKS
IN ADVANCE.

Panel 3: Tony Stark's dialogue.

I'M ONE
OF 'EM. CALL
HER, SHE'LL
SEE ME.

Panel 3: Tony Stark's dialogue.

YES,
SIR.



Panel 4: Tony Stark's dialogue.

MS. HILL,
MR. FURY IS
HERE TO--

Panel 4: Tony Stark's dialogue.

YES,
MA'AM.



Panel 5: Dialogue for the visitor pass.

HERE'S YOUR NAME TAG
AND VISITOR PASS, SIR.
YOU HAVE TO KEEP IT
ON AT **ALL** TIMES
WHILE--

Panel 5: Tony Stark's dialogue.

I KNOW, I KNOW.
I HELPED WRITE THE
DAMN POLICY BACK
WHEN I DIRECTED
S.H.I.E.L.D.

Panel 5: Tony Stark's dialogue.

BACK WHEN
THERE WAS A
S.H.I.E.L.D. TO
DIRECT.



THEN.

YOU...YOU
LOVED YOUR
HUSBAND?

WHAT?!
YES, OF
COURSE! AND
WE STILL **DO**,
OBVIOUSLY.

THAT'S
WHY YOU'RE
HERE!



BUT
YOU'RE
GLAD HE'S
DEAD.

WE'RE
GLAD **HE'S**
DEAD,
YES.



I'M GONNA
NEED YOU TO
CONNECT THE
DOTS FOR ME ON
THAT ONE,
MRS. STUART.



I THOUGHT--
YOU GOT OUR
MESSAGE,
RIGHT?

I GOT
A REPORT OF
SUSPECTED
SKRULL ACTIVITY
IN RURAL IOWA,
NOT--

YES!
EXACTLY!
THAT'S WHAT
THIS IS!

MY *REAL*
HUSBAND'S
NOT DEAD,
MR. FURY...

...BECAUSE
THAT IS A
SKRULL.

YEAH, IT'S THE
SKRULL WHO
DIED!

HE TOOK MY
DAD'S PLACE AND
THEN DIED AND SO
THAT MEANS MY REAL
DAD IS ALIVE
SOMEWHERE!

YOU'RE GONNA FIND HIM,
YEAH MISTA FUWWY?

PWEASE
WILL YOU SAVE
MY DADDY?

WELL...

##%&.



Now.

MARIA.
YOU COULD'VE
AT LEAST PUT
ME ON YOUR
CALENDAR.

NICK.
GOOD TO
SEE YOU, MY
FRIEND.



THEY DON'T
COME MUCH
GREENER THAN
THAT KID AT
RECEPTION.

YOU DIDN'T
GIVE HIM A
HARD TIME,
DID YOU...

...NICHOLAS?



OH,
ABSOLUTELY
NOT.

NICE
OFFICE, BY
THE WAY.



IT'S NOT *QUITE* THE
SAME VIEW AS FROM A
S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER,
BUT WE MUDDLE THROUGH
SOMEHOW.

YOU KNOW,
I COULD'VE
SWORN YOU C.I.A.
SPOOKS TOOK THOSE
WHEN S.H.I.E.L.D.
FOLDED.

AND
THEY'RE AMAZING,
THANK YOU.

BUT WHAT
ABOUT YOU? NEVER
THOUGHT I'D SEE THE
DAY **NICK FURY** WENT
FREELANCE.



YOU'RE LOOKING AT NICK
FURY, AGENT OF NO ONE,
FREELANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT/
INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT
MANAGER/JUSTIFIABLY
PARANOID SAVIOR
OF EARTH.

AND NOW,
APPARENTLY, TAKER
OF **MONUMENTALLY**
USELESS TRIPS
TO IOWA.



AH. SKRULL
SIGHTING
WAS A BUST,
HUH?

OH, YOU
HAVE **NO**
IDEA.

"THE DAD OF
THIS POOR FAMILY
HAD DIED. AND
GRIEVING'S HARD.

"I **KNOW**
GRIEVING'S
HARD.

MRS.
STUART...

"BUT THEY'D
REALIZED THEY
COULD AVOID IT
ENTIRELY...

"...SIMPLY
BY FINDING
SOMETHING **NEW**
TO BELIEVE IN.

...IS THERE
SOMEPLACE WE
COULD TALK
PRIVATELY?



WHAT'S
WRONG,
MR. FURY?

MA'AM...



I'M SORRY,
BUT THAT'S
NOT A
SKRULL...



...AND YOUR
HUSBAND
IS DEAD.



HAH!



NO, THAT'S DEFINITELY A SKRULL. I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH **EXPERIENCE** YOU HAVE WITH SKRULLS, MR. FURY, BUT I'VE HAD **QUITE** A BIT THESE PAST FEW MONTHS...

SO I **THINK** I'D KNOW.



WHAT SORT OF "EXPERIENCE" ARE WE TALKING ABOUT HERE, MRS. STU--?

WITH HIM! I WAS **LIVING** WITH A **SKRULL**, FURY!



HOW DO YOU--?

HE FORGOT OUR ANNIVERSARY. **GREG** FORGOT IT.

IT'S NOT POSSIBLE.



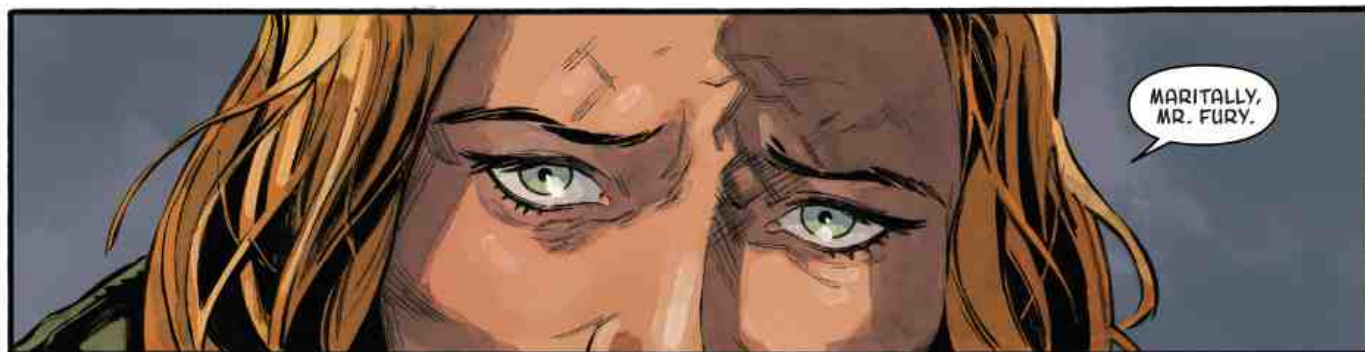
SKRULLS, THEY'RE ALIENS THAT COPY YOUR BODY, BUT THEY CAN'T COPY YOUR MIND, YEAH? THAT'S HOW THEY WORK.

THAT IS HOW THEY WORK, YES, BUT--

SO THERE YOU HAVE IT. EXHIBIT ONE.



EXHIBIT TWO:
HE **CHANGED**. WE'D
GET INTO ARGUMENTS
OVER EVERYTHING,
AND WE WEREN'T AS--
AFFECTIONATE
AS WE USED
TO BE.



MARITALLY,
MR. FURY.



DANNI,
I'M SORRY,
BUT--

AND EXHIBIT THREE:
HE WAS **DIFFERENT**
WITH THE KIDS.
COOLER.
DISTRACTED.

LIKE HE
DIDN'T **ACTUALLY**
KNOW WHAT TO **DO**
WITH THEM.



AND THEN
LAST NIGHT, HE
WENT TO BED, AND--
AND HE **ENDED**
IT.



THAT CONFIRMS
EVERYTHING.

PROBABLY
KNEW HE WAS
BLOWING THE MISSION.
COULDN'T TAKE BEING
UNDERCOVER ANYMORE.
IT MAKES SENSE.

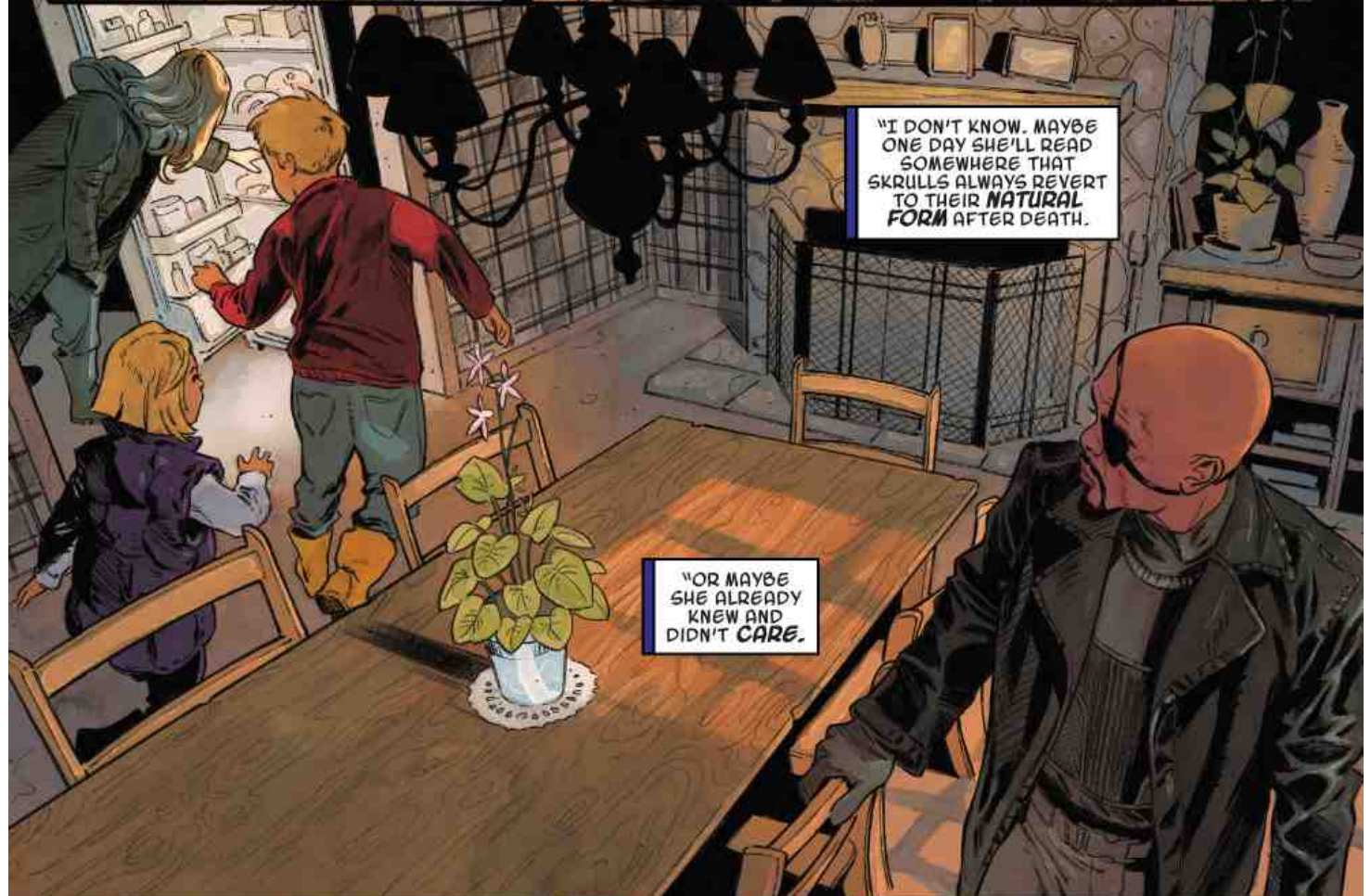
IT MAKES
SENSE.





"OF COURSE, ONCE I'D TOLD HER THAT, SHE WAS MY BEST FRIEND."

"AND I SIMPLY **HAD** TO STAY FOR LUNCH."



"I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE ONE DAY SHE'LL READ SOMEWHERE THAT SKRULLS ALWAYS REVERT TO THEIR **NATURAL FORM** AFTER DEATH."

"OR MAYBE SHE ALREADY KNEW AND DIDN'T **CARE**."



"BUT IF A LONE FAMILY IN IOWA WANTS TO BELIEVE **ALIENS** FROM **OUTER SPACE** ARE THE SOURCE OF THEIR SORROWS..."



"...THEN I DECIDED I COULD LIVE WITH THAT."



SON
OF A--!

DAMN!

SMACK!!

ARRRGH!

"OTHER THAN A
KID-FRIENDLY MEAL,
MARIA, THAT WAS
ABOUT IT."



"DANNI APOLOGIZED
FOR ONLY HAVING
PEANUT BUTTER AND
JELLY SANDWICHES..."



THAT
WASN'T VEWVY
NICE, MISTA
FUWWY.

"...AND I
ASSURED HER
PEANUT BUTTER
AND JELLY
WAS FINE."

THIS IS FURY!
THEY'RE
SKRULLS!
THEY'RE ALL
SKRULLS!



THE AREA IS
SHIELDED, MR. FURY.
YOUR TRANSMISSIONS
ARE BLOCKED.

I'LL
GIVE *you*
SOMETHING TO
BLOCK...

"I EVEN HAD A
NICE GLASS OF
MILK TO GO WITH.

WHAT
THE
HELL~?

"I WAS DAMNED
WHOLESOME,
MARIA.



ARRGH!



DAMN IT!

"AFTER WE'D EATEN, I MADE MY EXCUSES AND LEFT."



THEY'RE STRONGER THAN THEY LOOK. WE ALL ARE, FURY.

THOUGH, OF COURSE, YOU KNOW THAT NOW.

"BUT NOT BEFORE SAYING I'D LET HER KNOW IF ANYTHING TURNED UP ON HER HUSBAND."



IT WAS THE CLOTHES, WASN'T IT? ALL OF US MATCHING THE PHOTO PERFECTLY.



FAIR. IT WAS A RUSH JOB--WE HAD TO TAKE SOME SHORTCUTS.



THEY DIED QUICKLY, YOU KNOW. MOST HUMANS DO.

POORLY, BUT QUICKLY.



"DANNI SHOOK MY HAND, THANKED ME FOR MY HELP.

BUT YOU, I WANT ALIVE.

POISONED FOOD IS EASIER, BUT...



...THERE ARE OTHER WAYS OF GETTING WHAT WE WANT.

"AND--

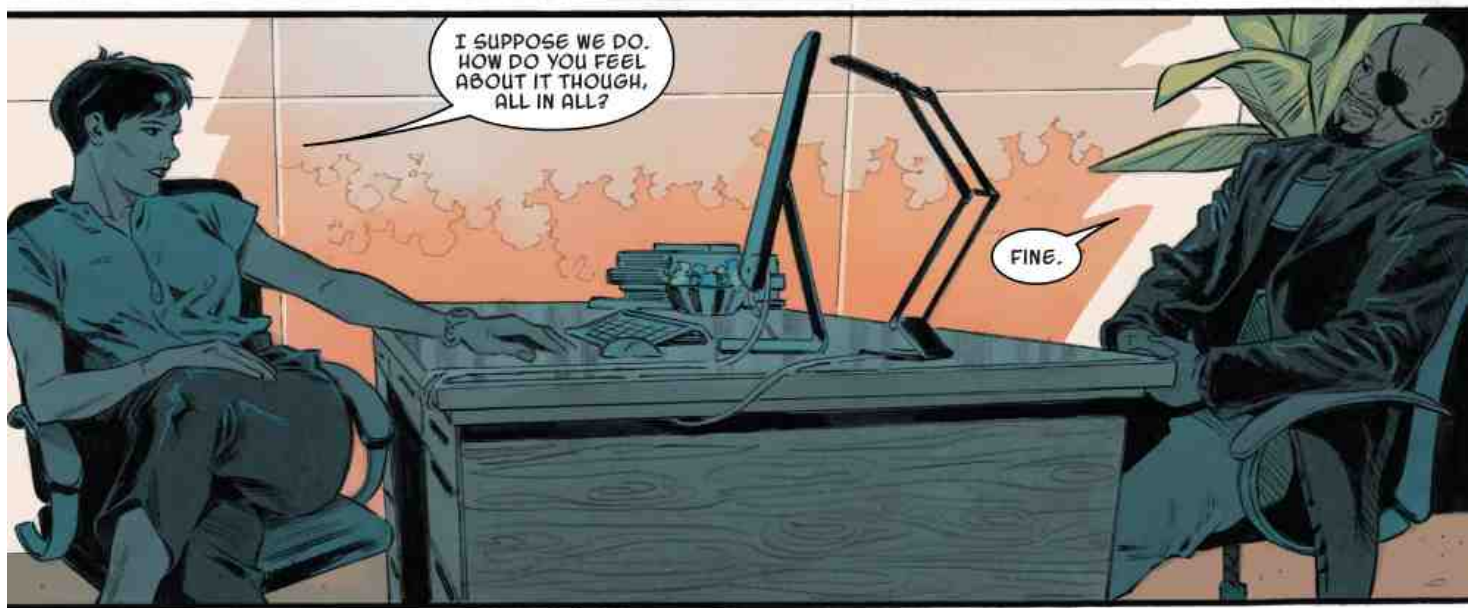
"--WELL, THAT WAS THAT."



GOD. THAT'S BLEAK. A FAMILY SO DEEP IN DENIAL THEY CAN'T EVEN **MOURN** THE MAN.

I DON'T KNOW. IT'S SWEET, IN A WAY.

WE ALL HAVE OUR COMFORTING FICTIONS.



I SUPPOSE WE DO. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT IT THOUGH, ALL IN ALL?

FINE.



NO, NICK, SERIOUSLY, JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME.

HOW DO YOU **FEEL?**



...FINE?



OH, NICK.

KLIK







YOU SKRULLS ARE A **SCOURGE** ON OUR PLANET. LIARS AND CHEATS.

MARIA--
ZIP IT.



BUT IT'S ME! I'M NICK FURY!



MR. FURY?

FORGET YOU SAW ANYTHING, PETE. THIS IS **WELL** ABOVE YOUR PAY GRADE.



TOLD HIM NOT TO TAKE OFF THE NAME TAG.



TELL ME
WHAT I HAVE TO
DO TO SHOW I'M
NICK, MARIA, AND
I'LL **DO** IT.



YOU TAKE
BOTH OUR NAMES
OUT OF YOUR
MOUTH.

OR I'LL
PROVE YOU'RE
A SKRULL RIGHT
NOW IN THE ONLY
WAY THAT
COUNTS...



...AND
YOU'RE **NOT**
GOING TO LIKE
HOW IT GOES
DOWN.



I'M PUTTING
OUT AN ALERT
TO MY COLLEAGUES
IN THE INTELLIGENCE
COMMUNITY, BY
THE WAY.



WE'VE
STOPPED YOUR
LITTLE C.I.A.
INFILTRATION...

...BUT I'D
BET GOOD MONEY
THERE'S **OTHER** NICKS
TRYING THE SAME THING
ELSEWHERE AS WE
SPEAK.





...IMPRESSIVE.

I AM,
THANK
YOU.



...YOU'LL
NEVER KNOW
IF YOU GOT
ALL OF US.



BUT...



OH,
PLEASE.



THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT:
HYSTERIA. PEOPLE
NOT KNOWING WHO THEY
CAN TRUST, SUSPECTING
EVERYONE CLOSEST TO
THEM OF BEING AN
ASSASSIN.

I'M SURPRISED
YOU DON'T PAINT
NUMBERS ON YOUR
BACKS, SO ANY **THREE**
SKRULLS WE FIND ARE
NUMBERED ONE, TWO
AND FOUR.



BUT WE'RE
BETTER THAN THAT,
AND WE'RE BETTER
THAN **YOU.**

LOOK AROUND
YOU! I DON'T KNOW
HOW YOU GOT THIS
SCHEME PAST YOUR
EMPEROR, BUT
IT'S **OVER.**



YOU CAME
UP AGAINST
MARIA HILL, AND
YOU **LOST**.
THIS IS WHAT
COMPETENCE
LOOKS LIKE.



WE'RE
NOT ALL
FURYS, YOU
KNOW.



UH-HUH.
AND YOU'D ONLY
SAY THAT IF YOU
WERE **BLUFFING**,
OR YOU WERE **SO**
CONFIDENT IN
YOURSELF THAT
YOU'D TELL ME
YOUR PLAN.

I KNOW
WHICH ONE
I BELIEVE.



BUT WE'VE GOT PLANS
IN PLACE FOR THAT TOO.
THE PUBLIC CALLS THEM
"SUPER HEROES."

ME?
I CALL 'EM
FRIENDS.



AND MY
FRIENDS ARE
JUST **DYING**
TO DO ME A
FAVOR.





NEXT:

SECRET INVASION #2



Maria Hill has a Skrull in custody, but she knows there's bound to be more... good thing she's got the perfect, foolproof Skrull detector ready to go! Maria Hill is both extremely competent AND extremely motivated to ensure this secret invasion doesn't go the way the last one did. Now all she needs to do is confirm the Avengers really ARE who they claim to be...

What could possibly go wrong?

